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that new republic, are not unknown to the criminal records of our country. A fellow who ran away from his creditors, and floated down the Arkansas in a pirogue, was for a time acting governor of Texas. And against some of the heroes of San Jancinto indictments for murder, &c., are now pending in this very county.’’

ARTICLE VIII.

INTELLIGENCE.

The Richland Peace Society report to the American Peace Society, That their society was organized 25th December, 1835; that it now consists of sixty-two members; that its officers are

ANDREW H. STEVENS, *President*,
REV. RALPH ROBINSON, *Vice President*,
RALPH FRENCH, *Secretary*,
JOSEPH GIBBS, *Treasurer*.

In accordance with a resolution of said society at its last meeting, I herewith transmit to the American Peace Society five dollars, and request that society to forward to us such publications as they deem best calculated to enlighten the public mind, and promote the object of the cause generally.

This is a subject with which the people of this region appear to be but little acquainted. I presume, that papers and tracts of the right kind might be very profitably circulated here. I think the minds of the community about this place are not hostile, but pretty well prepared to receive instruction on the subject, and to embrace the peace principles when fully made to understand them.

Below you have a copy of our preamble and constitution.

R. FRENCH, *Secretary*.

Richland, Oswego Co., N. Y., April 28, 1837.

“We, the subscribers, viewing war as a distressing and desolating evil, extremely demoralizing in its tendency, unauthorized by the word of God, which prohibits the spirit of retaliation, and whether it will issue in favor of the injured is wholly uncertain; believing, also, that the general current of public opinion against it would effect its extinction; to give an opportunity more fully to make our views known by an interchange of thought, and free discussion upon this subject, do agree to associate ourselves together, and adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be called the RICHLAND PEACE SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to expose the evils of war, to inculcate the principles of peace, and endeavor to devise means for the settlement of national discords, as substitutes for war.

ART. 3. No resolution or act of this Society shall be adopted tending to oppose any particular religious or political sect.

ART. 4. Every person subscribing this constitution shall be a member.

ART. 5. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall perform the usual duties of such officers, and who together shall form a Board of Supervision to manage the business of the Society.

ART. 6. This Society shall hold its annual meetings on the evening of the 24th of December; and in case of any important exigences, the officers may call extra meetings.

ART. 7. Any person may withdraw from this Society, by signifying his wish so to do to the Secretary, at any annual meeting.

ART. 8. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of its members present."

MR. LORD'S REPORT.

To the General Agent of the American Peace Society.

DEAR SIR,

Having returned from my agency in behalf of the cause of peace, I would submit a brief report:

I left Andover about the middle of April, and have labored six weeks chiefly in the counties of Norfolk and Plymouth. I have visited the principal towns, have travelled three hundred and fifty miles, and delivered twenty-five sermons and addresses. Owing to the peculiar state of the times, I have collected but fifty-four dollars. It may be well to observe, however, that the counties to which my labors were chiefly confined have been extensively engaged in the shoe business, which has suffered peculiarly from the money pressure. Public sentiment would not warrant collections except in few of the towns which I visited. The ultimate interests of the cause would have been injured by any opposition to the feelings and prejudices of the community at this particular time.

I am happy to state, however, that I met more sympathy than I expected. All were ready to hear, and candidly to examine the subject, so far as I know. The state of public sentiment respecting this great cause, where I labored, was very encouraging. There appeared to be neither apathy nor opposition. All spoke of the cause as a very important one, and Christians, generally, were inclined to regard war, *all* war, as irreconcilable with the spirit of the gospel. I cannot but think that the efforts of the advocates of peace will be crowned with peculiar success so long as they enforce the great principles of Christianity respecting war, and the entire discrepancy of the Christian with the warlike character. There are strong reasons to believe that the cause of peace will soon be numbered among *the great* objects of public interest and benevolence.

Yours, respectfully,

J. LORD.

Boston, May 29, 1837.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Directors of the American Peace Society.

GENTLEMEN,

At the close of the public meeting in New York, at the late anniversary of the American Peace Society, the members met for the choice of officers, and S. V. S. WILDER, Esq., the chairman of the meeting, was chosen President. He promptly declined the office, nominated me, and put it to vote. I was chosen, and the meeting broke up before I had time to decline; but if I had declined, there was no time to choose a suitable person to fill the office. As the Board of Directors have the power to fill all vacancies, I now take this opportunity to resign the office to which I was chosen. I am willing to be the humble servant of the society; but I do not think it will comport with the honor of the society, or agree with my own feelings, for me to be the head. As it will be necessary to publish the annual report before the board will have an opportunity to choose another president, and secure his acceptance, rather than the society should be without a president, I am willing my name should stand at the head of the list of officers for the present, expecting the Board will lose no time in choosing a person who will fill the office with more honor and advantage than I can.

Yours, respectfully,

WM. LADD.

Boston, May 27, 1837.